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## **California Transit Agencies Receive \$29 Million in Homeland Security Grants Funds Will Augment Governor's Unprecedented Investments in Transit Safety and Security**

SACRAMENTO - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced allocations for the FY 2010 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP). The FY 2010 TSGP provides \$253 million to the Nation's high-threat urban areas for enhancement of security measures at critical transit infrastructure including bus, ferry, and rail systems. The purpose of the FY 2010 TSGP is to create a sustainable, risk-based effort to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the travelling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies.

Of the \$225 million awarded nationally under the FY 2010 TSGP, California transit systems will receive \$29.3 million; \$19.8 million in the Bay Area and \$9.5 million in the greater Los Angeles Area. In addition, transit agencies in Fresno, San Diego and Sacramento are eligible for a share of \$27.3 million available under the competitive portion of the FY 2010 TSGP.

"These funds will certainly advance our mission and ability to deter, prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from any incident of terrorism, natural, or other man-made disasters," said California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) Secretary Matthew Bettenhausen.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has made public safety his number one priority. The Governor's unprecedented and successful efforts to champion Proposition 1B, which includes \$1 billion for transit safety and security, has provided California with vital security funds to protect residents and the State's critical infrastructure.

"I am extremely pleased to see these federal homeland security funds. These funds will help us protect our transit systems by using visible, unpredictable deterrence measures and conducting awareness training, emergency drills and exercises for key personnel. Transit security grants are critical to work we are doing at the state level in conjunction with our local partners to make Californians safer and more secure," added Secretary Bettenhausen.

The following transit systems in the greater Los Angeles area will be eligible for a total of \$9.5 million:

- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Orange County Transportation Authority
- Long Beach Transit
- Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink)

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- City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation
- Foothill Transit
- Montebello Bus Lines
- Omnitrans (San Bernardino)
- Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus

In the San Francisco Bay Area, the following transit systems will be eligible for a total of \$19.8 million:

- San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)
- San Francisco Municipal Railway (MUNI)
- Altamont Commuter Express (ACE)
- Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain)
- Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District
- City of Alameda Ferry Services
- City of Vallejo Transportation Program
- Central Contra Costa Transit Authority
- Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
- San Mateo County Transit Authority
- Transbay Joint Powers Authority

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